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Note verbale dated 19 April 2018 from the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations, in its capacity as Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, presents its compliments to the President of the Security Council on the occasion of transmitting a copy of a communiqué issued by the Coordinating Bureau on 19 April 2018 in relation to the validity of the Purposes and Principles of the Charter of the United Nations (see annex).

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations respectfully requests that the present note verbale and its annex be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Communiqué of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on the validity of the Purposes and Principles of the Charter of the United Nations

1. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, true to its commitment to enhancing its role as an anti-war and peace-loving force, expresses its strong concern at the growing resort to unilateralism and unilaterally imposed measures that undermine the Charter of the United Nations and international law, and reiterates its commitment to promoting, preserving and strengthening multilateralism and the multilateral decision-making process through the United Nations, by strictly adhering to its Charter and international law.

2. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, in this regard, reiterates the basic principle of the Charter of the United Nations that all States shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations. It stresses that the Charter contains sufficient provisions regarding the use of force to maintain and preserve international peace and security, and that achieving this goal by the Security Council should be strictly done in full conformity with the relevant Charter provisions.

3. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the peaceful resolution of disputes, in accordance with Article 2 and Chapter VI of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2625 (XXV) of 24 October 1970.

New York, 19 April 2018